



**GREEN BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SCOTTSDALE ONE CIVIC CENTER BUILDING/PLAN REVIEW SERVICES
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AUGUST 8, 2006

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Michele Cohen, Chair
Ronald W. Hand, Co-Chair, E/FECT
Daniel Aiello, Janus II Environmental
Joan Baron, Baron Studio
Nick Davis, Beck Group
Lance Donatello, Scottsdale citizen
Kevin Edwards, Edwards Design Group
Lee Feliciano, Valley of the Sun Solar
Christopher G. Harrison, Grayhawk Dev. (departed at 3:55 p.m.)
Jesse Henson, Kyocera Solar (arrived at 3:37 p.m.)
Mary Grace Maglio, Architectural Resource Team
DeeJaye Lockwood, Windermere Sonoran Properties
Frances Smith, Southwest Gas Corp. (departed at 4:15 p.m.)
Beverly Westgaard, AZ Environmental Strategic Alliance

ABSENT: Daniel Basinger, Past Chairman
Linda Eales, Eco Logic
James McKay, Scottsdale citizen

STAFF: Chuck Skidmore
Donna Bronski, Deputy City Attorney
Jay Osborn, Senior Assistant City Attorney

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Recognition of Guests

Chair Cohen called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Committee Members as noted above.

II. Approval of Minutes

MS. MAGLIO MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11TH, 2006 MEETING. MS. WESTGAARD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF TWELVE (12) TO ZERO (0).

III. Administrative

a. New City Ethics Policy

Mr. Jay Osborn, Senior Assistant City Attorney, presented a brief overview of the new City Ethics Policy, noting that Ms. Donna Bronski, liaison for the Green Building Advisory Committee, will conduct a full training session for the Committee after City Councilmembers have received formal training. In response to Committee members' comments, Mr. Osborn acknowledged that logistical issues necessitated that all members of Boards and Commissions appointed by City Council sign the ethics policy paperwork before participating in a meeting, although unfortunately training could not yet be provided. He added that the new policy is not complicated and that Committee members should not feel anxious about it.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Jesse Henson reported that the Education Committee will meet on August 9 and discussed how the high school solar project is progressing. Mr. Kevin Edwards asked what the budget would be for this project and a discussion on the project ensued.

Mr. Henson added that Channel 11 will be producing new Sustainable Scottsdale segments and planning for those is also under way. Chair Cohen encourage all who have an interest to attend this meeting, noting that a program boosting the Green Building Expo and the October lectures will need to be filmed soon.

V. Project Updates

a. Green Building Rating Checklist Implementation

Mr. Aiello reported that the Green Building Rating Checklist has been completed, will soon be printed and will be implemented effective September 1. A discussion ensued on whether raising the bar for Green Building would discourage builders. Mr. Aiello opined that homeowners are now demanding Green Building and Mr. Edwards added that energy costs provide an incentive.

b. City Facilities Update

Chair Cohen reported that the new Senior Center is complete. Co-Chair Hand noted that he has visited the facility and the energy saving aspects appear to be effective. Mr. Skidmore expanded on which features have proved most successful and what they

had learned from this project. LEED Gold certification is expected to be conferred early in 2007. Reactions of seniors using the center have been very enthusiastic.

Chair Cohen advised the meeting that a tour of the Senior Center is planned for the next meeting on September 12. The dedication ceremony will take place on September 14.

Mr. Skidmore noted that he had a productive meeting with the Capital Project Manager for Fire Station Two. The design includes a cooling tower and solar panels. A public space is to be created between the Fire Station and the Community Design Center.

Mr. Aiello inquired about the residential portion of SkySong. Mr. Skidmore noted that Mr. Floyd has more information. Chair Cohen requested that Mr. Gawf or a member of his staff make a presentation at the September 20th EQAB meeting with regard to SkySong progress that Green Building Committee members could attend. A discussion ensued on how to ensure that SkySong is as environmentally sound as possible.

Work Group Discussions

Green Building Expo 2006 - Kevin Edwards

Mr. Edwards noted that the approach to a private company to produce the program had not proved feasible. The working group is meeting every Tuesday between now and the Expo. The meeting time is 3:00 p.m. unless a Green Building Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled, in which case the working group meets at 1:00 p.m. Most meetings will take place in the Plan Review Conference Room, although some meetings will be held in Phoenix and Tempe as those cities are also involved in the Expo. Mr. Edwards and Chair Cohen encouraged everyone to attend if possible and help with organizing the Green Building Expo. Mr. Harrison is the volunteer coordinator.

Ms. Barron reported that the website lists the schedule of workshops and the press release. She urged everyone to help promote awareness of the event. Ms. Westgaard urged the need to identify that the schedule on the website is tentative. Ms. Barron reported on the keynote speakers and passed around copies of their books. New features this year include the film festival and a book signing table.

Lecture Series - Edwards/Aiello

Mr. Aiello reported that the next lecture in the solar series is the Oasis Myth Part 3. The lecture will be held on August 17 at the Community Design Center. The September lecture will deal with Sense and Nonsense: Pulling It All Together.

At the request of the National Conference in Denver, Mr. Aiello stated they are providing information from the solar lectures on the importance of appropriate design to achieve the most effective use of solar energy. This information will be nationally available.

Design Day 3/4 – Harrison/Cohen

Chair Cohen reported that based on surveys completed by former participants, the City has decided to do another Design Day at Saguaro High School on February 10, 2007. Mr. Aiello questioned whether participants had in fact followed through and carried out improvements as a result of previous Design Days. Chair Cohen replied that this was

one of the survey questions but the data has not yet been received. Anecdotal evidence suggests that many participants followed through. She added, in response to a comment by Ms. Lockwood, that services will be available for owners of homes in the historic neighborhoods.

Education – Jesse Henson

See Public commentary.

VI. Other Business

a. Cool Cities Program and U.S. Mayors Resolution on Climate-Neutral Buildings

Chair Cohen announced that this discussion would be postponed to the next meeting when Mr. Person will present the Committee with details on his meeting with the Mayor regarding the Cool Cities program. Information regarding the Architecture 2030 program will be included in the September meeting packets. Chair Cohen requested that Committee members study this material ahead of time in order to be prepared to make a possible recommendation.

Site Tour of Senior Center at next GBAC meeting on September 12

Committee members commented on the number of topics potentially on the agenda of the next meeting. Chair Cohen acknowledged that it might be necessary to organize the tour of the Senior Center at a different time. Staff will forward all pertinent information to Committee members prior to the meeting.

Chairman and member comments

Ms. Westgaard commented that telephonic participation in meetings saves trips and increases participation. However, the telephone system needs to be upgraded because the volume is inadequate. Chair Cohen undertook to determine whether any additional meeting rooms are better equipped. Mr. Aiello commented that this would be an appropriate topic to bring to the attention of EQAB.

Opining that the role of the Green Building Advisory Committee is to encourage sustainability, Ms. Westgaard suggested that a visionary topic be on the agenda of every meeting. She further recommended that the visionary topics should be at the top of the agenda so that they receive the most energy and time.

Mr. Davis noted the announcement of two significant commercial construction projects in North Scottsdale: the Dial headquarters and One Scottsdale.

MR. EDWARDS MADE A MOTION THAT THE GREEN BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONTACT THE DIAL CORPORATION AND DMB DURING THE PRECONSTRUCTION PHASE TO ENCOURAGE GREEN BUILDING PRINCIPLES IN THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THEIR NEW NORTH SCOTTSDALE PROJECTS. MR. AIELLO SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ELEVEN (11) TO ZERO (0).

Mr. Aiello reported on the tours of solar and sustainable homes in Arizona scheduled for October. At least six tours will be held from late September through early November. He urged that the tours be cross-promoted with the Green Building Expo. This is an expansion from the 2005 tours. The Valley tour is planned to take place over two days, one for each side of the Valley. Mr. Aiello asked the meeting for details of any homes that could be added to the tours and noted that the organizers are hoping to obtain proclamations from the Governor and mayors to recognize this event.

Ms. Westgaard advised the meeting that upon completion of filming of "The Kingdom", the Arizona Environmental Strategic Alliance will have large quantities of reusable construction materials available over a short time span, likely early in September. Ms. Westgaard is the current contact person, in the event anyone is interested.

Mr. Aiello shared that the producers of the television show "I on Phoenix" are looking for people to interview for the next series of shows.

VII. Upcoming meetings

- a. Environmental Quality Advisory Board meeting – September 20, 2006
- b. Green Building Advisory Committee – September 12, 2006

VIII. Upcoming events

- a. Environment and Energy Lecture: The Oasis Myth Part 3 - August 17,
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Community Design Studio
- b. Green Building Expo 2006 – October 6-7, 2006

IX. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

AV-Tronics, Inc.

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